(b) if so, the major features of the proposal;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be effected; and

(d) the details of the telecom sector proposed to be thrown open to the private agencies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India will be set up after the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 1996 is considered and passed, with amendments, if any, by Parliament.

(d) The manufacture of various types of telecom equipment has been opened to the private sector as also franchise to private Indian registered companies on non-exclusive basis for such value added services as cellular mobile telephone, radio paging, electronic mail, voice-mail/audiotex, videotex, videoconferencing and public mobile radio trunked services.

2. In addition to basic telephone services, the following services are also open to private agencies :

(i) Captive VSAT networks for closed user group;

(ii) Private telecommunication networks on circuits leased from DOT;

(iii) Commercial use of fax on telephone;

(iv) Group EPABXs;

(v) Local, STD/ISD PCOs on franchise basis.

STATEMENT

Major Features of the Proposed Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

The main functions of the TRAI include the following :

(a) to protect the interest of consumers of telecommunication services;

(b) to settle disputes between service providers;

(c) to ensure compliance of licence conditions by all service providers;

(d) to ensure technical compatibility and effective interconnection between different service providers;

(e) to regulate arrangements amongst service providers in respect of sharing of revenue derived from providing telecommunication services;

(f) to levy fees to such rates and in respect of such services as may be determined by regulations;

(g) to facilitate competition and promote efficiency in the operation of telecommunication services so as to facilitate growth of such services; and

(h) to ensure effective compliance of universal service obligations.

2. The Authority, which would have a Chairman and Members enjoying security of tenure, would be entrusted with, inter-alia, the following powers :

(a) to seek information on all aspects of service provider's activities;

(b) to seek information, advice and imputs from any source it deems necessary;

(c) to investigate, suo-moto, any matter which in its opinion constitutes public interest;

(d) to inspect facilities, books and records of operators/service providers;

3. The Authority would have an in-built dispute settlement mechanism and would adjudicate on matters such as technical compatibility and effective inter-connection, revenue sharing arrangements, quality of service etc. falling within its jurisdiction.

[Translation]

Tourism Projects Submitted by Rajasthan

1028. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent projects pertaining to tourism development to the Union Government during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the details of the projects approved/pending with the Union Government alongwith the financial assistance provided for each of the project;

(d) the delay for according approval to the pending projects; and

(e) the number of Heritage Hotels of ITDC and Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) in the State?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) (a) to (d). The details of projects prioritized in consultation with the State Government and sanctioned by the Department of Tourism during the last three years to the State of Rajasthan are at the Statement enclosed.

(e) There are 27 Heritage Hotels consisting of 697 rooms in Rajasthan in the private sector.

STATEMENT

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned during 1993-94

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	Rajasthan		
1.	Conservation of Jaisalmer Fort (50% the total cost limited to Rs. 40 lakhs of DOT Share)	39.88	39.88
2.	Tourist bungalow at Jaisalmer Phase-II	11.24	5.75
3.	Fast food centre at Jodhpur	7.11	3.50
4	Tourist bungalow at Pokharan Phase-II	7.83	4.00
5.	Wayside facility at Dechu	4.74	2.50
6.	Tourist bungalow at Bikaner Phase-II	12.00	6.00
7.	Tourist Complex at Barr	10.35	5.00
8.	Tourist Lodge at Ratangarh	10.06	5.00
9.	Tourist Complex at Ganganagar	16.54	8.00
10.	Tourist Bungalow at Udaipur Phase-II	18.60	9.30
11.	Tourist Bungalow at Sariska Phase-II	12.54	6.00
12.	Wayside facility at Salasar	4.74	2.50
13.	Tourist lodge at Beawar	9.09	5.50
14.	Sound and Light show at Moti Magri, Udaipur	24.25	10.00
15.	Upgradation of Rambagh Golf Club, Jaipur	38.22	10.00
16.	Floodlighting of Jaisalmer Fort	33.24	10.00
	Total	260.43	132.93

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned during 1994-95

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	2	3	4
	Rajasthan		
1.	Tourist Bungalow at Hanuman Garh	18.76	9.00
2.	Tourist bungalow at Bhilwara	18.76	9.00
3.	Wayside amenities at Sanchore	10.80	5.00
4.	Wayside amenities at Bapp	10.92	5.00
5.	Assistance for Shilpgram Utsav	4.05	4.05
6.	Shilpgram Utsav 1992	2.00	2.00
7.	Yatrika at Ajmer	26.99	7.69
8.	Pilgrim shed Vishramsthali (Pacca structure)	24.38	11.38
9.	Yatrika at Mahandipur-ka-Babaji	15.38	5.00
10.	Yatrika at Kailadevi	20.24	5.00
11.	Financial assistance for camping site at Jhalawar in Rajasthan	10.50	4.25
12.	Palace-on-wheels	500.00	500.00
	Total	662.78	567.37

Projects/Schemes Sanctioned During 1995-96

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	Rajasthan		
1.	Wayside amenities at Balesar	5.50	2.70
2.	Wayside facilities at Fatehgarh	4.58	2.25
3.	Tourist Cottages at Chotan	18.27	0.10
4.	Wayside facilities at Chandan	4.58	2.25
5.	Tourist amenities at Jhunjhunu Shakambari Mata and Lohargarh	5.70	0.02
6.	Midway at Merta	11.94	5.00
7.	Toilet facilities at Four places	5.20	0.04
8.	Tourist Resort at Kiradu	18.27	0.10
9.	Tourist Complex at Khichan	29.15	0.50
10.	Tourist Resort at Mahaveer Teeba	18.26	0.50
11.	Tourist amenities at Phalodi	10.80	4.90
12.	Conservation work at Osian Temples.	13.00	4.30
13.	Conservation of Rani Ka Mahal, Jaisalmer	9.20	4.60
14.	Development around India Gandhi Nahar, Bikaner.	9.20	6.00
15.	Cultural Festival at Dilli Haat	0.30	0.30
		164.65	33.56